will be completed in 1956. The people of Guntur are already suffering a lot because of scarcity of drinking water. Does the Minister expect them to go without drinking water till 1956?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I have said that emergency measures are being carried out to meet the present scarcity of drinking water and the people there are satisfied with the measures taken by us. I was there a short time ago along with the Sanitary Engineer and the people expressed their great satisfaction at the prompt action taken by the Government at present."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—"The Hon. Minister has not answered my question. I asked him whether the scheme has been delayed as the machinery has been transferred from Guntur to the South. Will he give an answer at least now?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, several works in connexion with this scheme have already been completed. The summer storage tank work has been completed. Orders have been placed for the supply of raw water pumping plants. The laying of distribution system has been done. The construction of elevated service reservoirs in the high and low level areas has also been completed."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—"The question is whether the Government have transferred a certain number of pipes from Guntur to the southern districts. Secondly, may I know whether the Government have failed to order for the filtering machinery in time and if so, what alternative arrangements have they made in this direction?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I have already mentioned the action that is being taken. I am not aware of any transfer of pipes to the southern districts."

Prohibition Guards.

* 259 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prohibition Guards are not given increment according to service?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"No. The Prohibition Guards are granted increments according to service in the time-scale of Rs. 30—½ A—40. But Prohibition Guards who are appointed on temporary basis are not granted any increment."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Is it a fact that in Malabar increments are stopped and if such instances are brought to the notice of the Government, will the Hon. Minister take action?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—"Is it a fact that these Prohibition Guards are given definite instructions by the

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Government that unless they detect a prescribed number of cases, they will not be eligible for increment, nor will they be continued in their posts?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"I want notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"Does the Hon. Minister seriously believe that Prohibition will work properly when so low a salary is paid to the staff who are supposed to guard Prohibition?" 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"That is the sanctioned scale, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—"Why should there be a large number of staff on a temporary basis? Do the Government think that Prohibition itself is going to be temporary?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"At first, they were appointed on a temporary basis. Now the policy of the Government is to recruit the staff on the basis of a certain standard so that it may be equivalent to the Police standard."

Alleged instructions by the Labour Officer, Malabar, to Handloom Factory owners regarding wage reduction.

* 260 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Labour Officer of Malabar has issued instructions to the Handloom Factory owners of Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, on November 14, 1952, that they should take signatures from the workers stating that it is owing to the consent of the workers that wage reduction was made?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"In view of the fact that the Manager of the Raja Rajeswari Company, Malabar, has published a public notice saying that the Labour Officer has issued a circular that the management should take forcible signatures from the workers, and in view also of the fact that a copy of this public notice has already been sent to the Labour Commissioner and to the Hon. the Labour Minister and that this has resulted in so many dismissals and stay-in strikes in Chirakkal taluk, may I know why the Labour Department did not contradict that statement by saying that they did not issue this kind of circular?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"We are satisfied that our Labour Officers did not issue any such instruction at all."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"Is it a fact that such instructions were issued and that they were being brought to the notice of the Government?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I have categorically denied both the allegations, Sir."